GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Commission of India, London and Embassy ofIndia, Bonn recruited local staff without the sanction of the Ministry ;

(b) if so, whether the unauthorized expenditure was to the tune of Rs.5.14 crores;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard ; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Missions/ Posts have been cautioned to adhere to the Government of India`s instructions to exercise due care in the matter of recruitment of additional staff. However, the amount already spent has to be regularised .